

Security Information

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Surveys of Covert Operations in Foreign Areas

1. The DCI directive of 9 January 1952 includes instructions to the Deputy Director (Administration) to audit and review the use of resources allocated to the support of covert operations.

25X1A 2. The first review of this nature was recently completed on the Far East area by [REDACTED] Special Assistant to the Deputy Director (Administration). This review was made as a result of a request from the Assistant Director for Policy Coordination, concurred in by the Assistant Director for Special Operations. Each of those officials has concurred in [REDACTED] report.

3. This report includes a comprehensive coverage of each of the major areas of administrative support responsibility (security, personnel, supply, transportation, housing, medical service, legal service, finance, audit, training, technical services and communications). Conclusions and recommendations based on [REDACTED] observations include details of required remedial action and need for strengthening the field command structure. They are soundly based and further supported by a separate combined recommendation being submitted by the Assistant Director for Policy Coordination and the Assistant Director for Special Operations for a major reorganization of the Far East Division involving a considerable strengthening of the command and support structure.

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4. I desire to continue this type of review and survey on a world-wide basis, supplemented as needed by technical audits and reviews by specialized technicians in specific support fields.

25X1A 5. I understand that the Assistant Director for Policy Coordination and the Assistant Director for Special Operations are recommending that [REDACTED] be assigned as senior administrator for the Far East area with station abroad. While I concur that he is well qualified for that assignment, I feel that to restrict his field of activity to a single foreign area, at least at this time, would not serve the best interests of the Agency.

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6. I desire to retain [REDACTED] as my Special Assistant for purposes indicated in paragraph 4, [REDACTED]

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Paragraph 6 is
(APPROVED) (DISAPPROVED)

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